

REMARKS

In response to an Office Action containing a Restriction Requirement dated March 10, 2008, Applicants elect Group II (claims 17, 21, 23, 24, 36, and 37), directed to polypeptides, chimeric polypeptides, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the polypeptides, and kits comprising the polypeptides. Applicants submit that Group II also includes new claims 38-43, which are directed to chimeric polypeptides and pharmaceutical compositions comprising polypeptides and chimeric polypeptides. The Examiner requires that if Group II is elected, a single sequence must be elected. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the polypeptide sequence, SEQ ID NO:2.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 5, 10, and 14-17 without prejudice to prosecution of the cancelled subject matter in any related divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Applicants have amended claims 21, 23, 31-33, 36, and 37 and added new claims 38-48 to point out with particularity certain embodiments of Applicants' invention. Support for the amended claims may be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 18, lines 13-20; page 19, lines 13-15; page 20, lines 10-13; page 23, lines 2-7; page 24, lines 25-26 and 30-32; page 26, lines 14-21; page 28, line 25 through page 29, line 10; page 30, lines 21-34; page 46, lines 15-16.

Accordingly, claims 21, 23, 24, 36, and 37, and new claims 38-43 read on elected Group II and read on the elected sequence.

As stated in the Action, the subject matter of Group II and the subject matter of Groups III, IV, and V are related as product and processes of using the product. Accordingly, when product claims (*i.e.*, claims 21, 23, 24, and 36-43) are found allowable, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of process claims that are dependent from or otherwise include all the features of the allowed product claims, as required under MPEP § 821.04(b).

Upon entry of the Amendments submitted herewith, claims 21, 23-26, 30-33, and 36-48 will be pending. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims, originally filed claims, or any other claims supported by the specification in one or more divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications. Consideration of the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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